



## *Barrow Prize Band*

*The Barrow Prize Band was formed in 1847 with nine members under the leadership of Mr William Hatton. They met for practise once a week in a room opposite the now closed Fox Inn, North Street. Their first public appearance consisted of a march of about two miles along Cotes Road. In 1910 they entered competitions for a period of two years only and won contests at Melton and Derby for presentation and marching. When the First World War broke out 14 members of the band joined up, but the remainder managed to carry on until they could properly re-form in 1919.*

*Major Martin of The Lodge was a keen supporter of the band and when giving a piece of land in Mill Lane to the village for use as a recreation ground, he also erected a bandstand on this open space and the band played there every Feast Sunday.*

*Mr Sam Darby was bandmaster from the age of 17 in 1876 for a period of 50 years and on his retirement in 1926 was presented with a purse of money subscribed by the residents and his fellow bandsmen. Owing to the Second World War the band ceased playing and finally amalgamated with Sibley Band.*

*In the photograph are: left to right; back row: Jack Darby, Burton, Ferrin, Foster Summers, Jack Phillips, Ginger Whiteman, Tom Sutton, Ernest Sutton, Gamble, Albert Hartsorn. Front row: Horace Neal, Ernest Sutton, Wells, Len Chapman, Reuben Lovett, Sam Darby (bandmaster).*